

SUDBURY URBAN DISTRICT

OR



IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY OF WEST SUFFOLK.

ANNUAL REPORT of the MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH for 1921.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Population	7046.	Number of families or separate occupiers (estimated)	1896.
Area	... 1925 acres.	Number of inhabited houses	... 1806.
		Rateable Value	... £25,032.
		Sum represented by a penny rate	£85.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

		Total.	M	F.	
Births	{ Legitimate ...	130	74	56	} Birth Rate (Registrar General) 19.7
	{ Illegitimate ...	6	3	3	
Deaths	... ..	100	52	48	Death Rate (Registrar General) 14.0
Number of Women dying in or in consequence of child-birth					{ from Sepsis ... 0
					{ from other causes ... 0
Deaths of Infants under one year of age per 1000 birth					{ Legitimate ... 44.1
					{ Illegitimate ... 14.7
					Total 58.8
Deaths from Measles (all ages) ...					0
" " Whooping Cough (all ages) ...					1
" " Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) ...					1

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR.

Disease		Total cases notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Diphtheria	... ..	12	10	1 aged 5 years.
Scarlet Fever	... ..	18	6	0
Enteric Fever				
including Paratyphoid		...	...	...
Puerperal Fever	... ..	...	...	...
Pneumonia	... ..	1 age 4	...	1 age 4
Erysipelas	... ..	6	...	...
Acute Poliomyelitis	... ..	1	...	...
Malaria	... ..	1	...	...
Tuberculosis				
	{ M. ...	9	6	2
(a) Pulmonary	{ F. ...	9	2	3
	{ Total ...	18	8	5
	{ M. ...	4	1	1
(b) Non-Pulmonary	{ F. ...	7	2	2
	{ Total ...	11	3	3

The deaths in the above column refer only to those notified during the year. Total deaths from Pulmonary Tuberculosis 13.

CASES.

	Notified.	Treated At Home.		Treated In Hospital		Vision Unimpaired.		Vision Impaired.		Total Blindness		Deaths	
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	...		1		1		...		...		...	
<i>Age incidence of Cases.</i>	Under 1 year	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45	45-60	Over 60	
Diphtheria	...	..	1	..	1	1	5	2	1	..	..	1	..
Scarlet Fever	...	..	..	1	1	1	7	6	2	..	..	..	..
Pneumonia	...	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Acute Poliomyelitis	...	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tuberculosis Plumonary	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	7	5	4	..	..
„ Non-Pulmonary	1	..	..	..	1	2	..	3	1	2	1	..	..
<i>Age incidence of Deaths from</i>													
Diphtheria	...	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pneumonia	...	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tuberculosis Pulmonary	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	6	1	1	1	1
„ Non-Pulmonary	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..

Tuberculosis is notified promptly; there were no non-notified tuberculosis deaths.

4. CAUSES OF SICKNESS.

There have been no causes of sickness calling for special attention.

The year on the whole has been a healthy one.

The heavy incidence of Diphtheria was due to large families being infected owing to the first case not being medically attended.

5. SUMMARY OF NURSING ARRANGEMENTS, HOSPITALS  
AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS AVAILABLE FOR THE DISTRICT.

(a) NURSING IN THE HOME.

One district nurse provided by the Sudbury and Ballingdon branch of the Suffolk Nursing Association.

Local Authority gives no subsidy.

There is no home nursing provided for Infectious Diseases.

(b) MIDWIVES.

One practising in the district provided by the Sudbury and Ballingdon Branch of the Suffolk Nursing Association.

One practising privately.

No subsidy given by Public Health Authority.

(c) CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES.

There is a Maternity and Child Welfare Centre under the West Suffolk County Council and attended by the County Medical Officer of Health.

There is also a School Clinic run by the School Medical Officers of the County.

There are no Day Nurseries, Tuberculosis or Venereal Centres in the Town.

(d) HOSPITALS provided or subsidised by the Local Authority or by the County Council.

1. TUBERCULOSIS. The Bury Saint Edmunds Sanatorium admits cases from the Town and is provided by the County Council.

2. MATERNITY HOSPITALS }  
3. CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS } There are none available for the Town.

4. FEVER HOSPITAL situated in the Borough. Has two wards only, each holding eight beds. These are used for Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria or Erysipelas as occasion arises.

The enlargement of this hospital which is supported by the Borough Council is under consideration.

5. SMALLPOX HOSPITAL. There is none available for the Town.

6. AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

(a) For infectious cases a horse ambulance is maintained by the Borough Council.

(b) For non-infectious and accident cases a motor ambulance is maintained by the British Red Cross Society, Suffolk Branch, at Bury Saint Edmunds 16 miles away and this can be hired, a charge of one shilling and three-pence per mile being made. This charge may be reduced for necessitous cases.

For accident cases a police stretcher is all there is available.

6. LABORATORY WORK.

Examination of Diphtheria swabs and Sputa for Tuberculosis is made at the Laboratory, maintained by the County Council in Bury Saint Edmunds.

Diphtheria autitoxin is held by me and is issued immediately it is asked for by the local Medical Men.



## 7. BYE-LAWS.

There are no Bye-laws. This sometimes renders the work of the Sanitary Inspector and Medical Officer of Health rather difficult.

## 8. SANITARY ADMINISTRATION.

### FOOD

#### MILK SUPPLY.

There is ample milk supply in the Town, of a good quality.

Epidemic Infantile Diarrhoea is of rare occurrence.

The dairies and cow sheds are kept in fair order, but are not in good situations, being in most cases surrounded by dwelling houses.

The Model Regulations made in August, 1906, are in force.

#### BAKE HOUSES.

There are fifteen bakehouses in the Town. No breaches of regulations were found when visited. There are no underground bakehouses in the Town.

#### MEAT SUPPLY.

1. Meat inspection is carried out by surprise visits occasionally.
2. There is no public abattoir so inspection cannot be carried out in any other way. A public abattoir is very desirable.
3. Slaughter Houses. In Dec., 1921 10 inspected periodically and usually found clean.

#### SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACT.

No action was required under this Act.

## 9. PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

Medical Officer of Health (part time).

One Sanitary Inspector (part time) Member Royal Sanitary Institute. The Borough Surveyor is also Sanitary Inspector.

## 10. HOUSING.

### NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES ERECTED DURING YEAR

(a) Privately erected	...	...	...	...	...	5
(b) As part of a municipal housing scheme	...	...	...	...	...	10
Total						15

#### I.—INSPECTION.

1	Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	...	...	...	...	213
2	Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	...	...	...	...	1
3	Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	...	...	...	...	14
4	Number of dwelling-houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910.	...	...	...	...	30

#### II.—REMEDY OF DEFECTS WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	...	...	...	...	28
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#### III.—ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS.

##### A. *Proceedings under section 28 of the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act, 1919.*

1	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	...	...	...	...	22
2	Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit—					
	(a) by owners	...	...	...	...	22
	(b) by Local Authority in default of owners	...	...	...	...	none

3	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by owners of intention to close	...	...	none
<b>B. <i>Proceedings under Public Health Acts,</i></b>				
1	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	...	...	4
2	Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied—			
	(a) by owners	...	...	3
	(b) by Local Authority in default of owners	...	...	1
<b>C. <i>Proceedings under sections 17 and 18 of the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act, 1909.</i></b>				
1	Number of representations made with a view to the making of Closing Orders	...		1
2	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	...		none
3	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the dwelling-houses have been rendered fit	...	...	none
4	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	...		none
5	Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	...		none

Staff engaged on housing work, one Housing Officer.

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